

Chatham Township Environmental Commission
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Minutes of the February 13, 2006 CTEC Meeting

The meeting of the Chatham Township Environmental Commission convened at 7:45 p.m. on Monday, February 13, 2006 at the Township Municipal Building. In attendance were CTEC members K. Abbott, S. Hoag, P. O. Raadam, D. Stillinger, K. Also attending were M. Olmstead of the Tree Protection Committee and John Linson, Cook College forester.

CTEC's Purpose (NJ40:56A, 1968): to undertake projects and make recommendations concerning the protection or use of natural resources, including water resources, located within or directly affecting Chatham Township.

Open Public Meetings Act Statement – The meeting schedule for 2005-2006 was published in the Chatham Courier and Daily Record newspapers and posted on the main bulletin board at the Township municipal building. The public is cordially invited to attend all meetings and participate in projects.

Minutes

January 9, 2006 minutes to be accepted at the March 13, 2006 meeting.

Events

Thurs. Feb. 23, 7:30 PM, CTEC presentation of annual report at Chatham Township Committee meeting.

SEAMLESS. Tues. Feb. 28 at 8 AM at the Madison municipal building. Joe Maraziti, Esq., former Chair of the State Planning Commission (resident of Chatham Township) will speak about regional planning.

Friday, March 3, 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM Tree Threats! Frelinghuysen Arboretum. Seminar will cover the control of Invasive Pest Species, including the Asian Long horned beetle, Emerald Ash Borer, and Bacterial Leaf Scorch.

Sat., March 4, 2006, 9 AM-1 PM, ANJEC training workshop for new environmental commissioners, Washington Twp. Senior Center, 1117 Route 130, Robbinsville, NJ.

Sat., March 25, 2006, 7:45 AM to 4:30 PM, New Jersey Conservation Foundation Annual Conservation Rally, Hyatt Regency New Brunswick, New Brunswick, NJ. Visit www.njconservation.org.

Sat., April 8, 2006, 8 AM to 5 PM, at the Princeton University Friend Center, NJ Environmental Federation 20th anniversary conference. K. Abbott & L. Chambers will be presenters on pesticide free lawns & parks.

Thurs., April 20, 2006, 9 AM-5 PM, at the Rutgers EcoComplex, Columbus, NJ. "Integrated Monitoring to Enhance Water Resource Management" presented by the NJ Water Monitoring Coordinating Council.

Saturday, April 22, 2006 Earth Day - Chatham Township EC's trail cleanup date.

Action

Note: Every commissioner should attend at least one ANJEC training course.

Tree Brochure Subcommittee updates by Mary Olmstead. Tree Protection Committee meeting held on January 19, 2006. Glenn Nelson (Board of Education) joined Tree Protection Committee. Committee is reviewing setbacks and steep slopes. Gathering information on plant types for steep slopes. Front set backs - possibly two trees in front yard to continue forming tree lined street. Discussing side yard plantings. Recommending not to completely clear lots especially rear yard when demolishing and rebuilding on lots. Help needed to monitor construction regarding lot clearing, maintaining and tree protection. John Linson from Cook College recommends checking into other towns ordinances, i.e. - Millburn, West Orange, Summit.

Saturday, April 22 - EC's riverside clean up date. Tasks assigned. Completed list of tasks to follow.

Approved CTEC's 2005 annual report. Ms. Abbott moved to accept and Mr. Raadam seconded.

Projects for 2006. Projects recommended by Projects Subcommittee (N. Hagner, S. Hoag, D. Stillinger) at its meeting on 1-23-06 are: annual cleanup, electronics recycling, tree brochure, data collection on conservation easements, tour of sewage treatment plant in October, pursue education of residents on organic landscaping and lawn care, form subcommittee for planning of implementation of Conservation Plan Element, evaluate solar parking lot lights for municipal building, requirement for upgraded diesel equipment, investigation and retro fitting in township. On-going: review and comment to Planning Board and Board of Adjustment, and NJDEP when appropriate (wetlands, habitat, water discharge), on all LOIs and development applications.

Ms. Hoag moved to accept the 2006 project list with modifications and Ms. Abbott seconded.

Continue discussing developing and distributing stewardship information for landowners and conservation easement holders over the next couple of meetings before drafting and distribution. O. Raadam

Approval of the Environmental Commissions Development Review memo to Planning Board regarding Brill/The Farm at Green Village - Greenhouse replacement drafted by O. Raadam. Ms. Hoag moved to accept the memo with observations and changes and Ms. Abbott seconded. D. Stillinger will email approved memo to members.

Board Reports

Open Space - S. Hoag - discussions continue, more inventories planned.

Mail

Located on filing cabinet in meeting room - newsletters, announcements, etc.

Notice of tree sale by Morris County Soil Conservation District.

Notice from Omnipoint of application for antennas on PSE&G tower at 65 Woodland Rd. in Chatham Borough

Nov. 2005 minutes from Chatham Borough EC

Summit EC recently completed an NRI. Copy received by CTEC and also online at www.ci.summit.nj.us.

Other

Reminder to commission members to print out and bring your copy of agenda and minutes to meeting.

The CTEC meeting was adjourned at 10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Scannelli
CTEC Minutes Secretary.